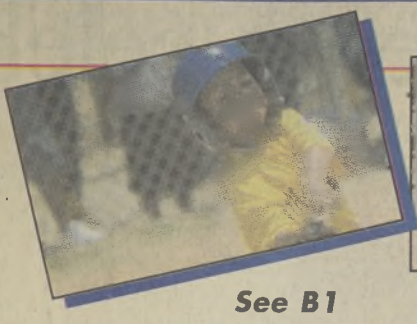


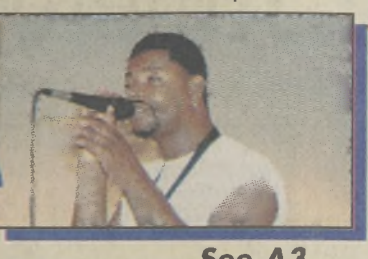
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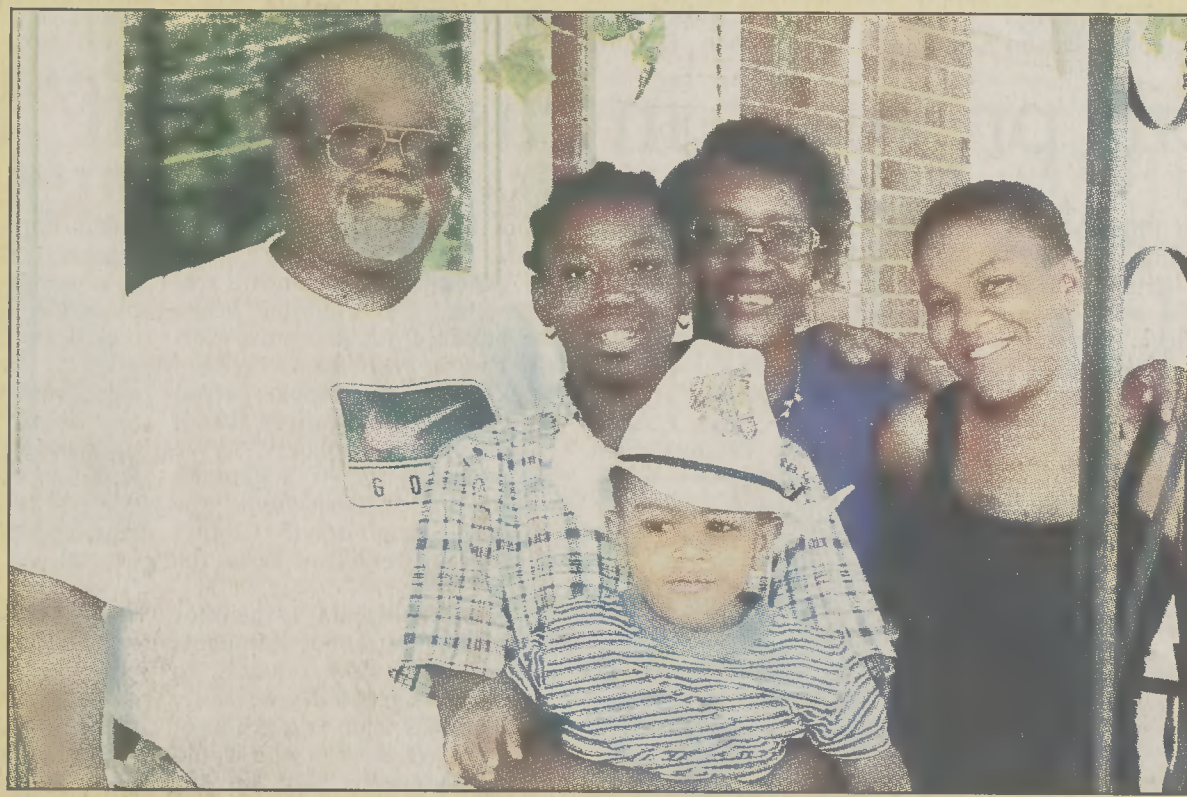
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One exposure could be a health hazard

Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department Code Red forecasts for Monday and Tuesday (12 and 13), but ozone levels didn't quite get to Code Orange days (9-13) as of presstime. What do the color codes mean? And how does the ozone rating system work?
Ozone is a colorless, odorless gas consisting of three oxygen atoms linked together. Ozone is not emitted directly into the air, but instead it is the product of various chemical reactions. Ozone occurs naturally in the atmosphere.
Light breaks apart oxygen molecules and freed atoms attach to other oxygen molecules forming ozone. It is also produced in the lower atmosphere from nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds in the presence of sunlight. The heat from the sun causes a chemical reaction, which forms ozone.
Ozone occurs naturally in the stratosphere (15 miles above the ground). The stratospheric ozone protects the surface of the Earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation and acts to protect plants, animals and humans from cancers, eye damage and crop damage.
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Survivor's tale



Cancer survivor Ava Lee Vinson, center, credits love and support from her family with helping her battle the disease. Above, she is surrounded by her husband, James; her adopted daughter, Tomeka Roseboro, right; her granddaughter, Hope Vinson; and her grandson, Roderick.

Cancer was no match for local woman

Ava Lee Vinson's trip to paradise was anything but.
Her husband, James, had planned the Bahamian cruise for more than a year. It was to be the vacation of a lifetime for a couple that had successfully raised six children and witnessed the births of more than a dozen grandchildren.
But the way Vinson felt on the cruise starkly contradicted with the beauty of the occasion and scenery.
"I just felt so bad," Vinson said. "I was cold and sweating....My husband had to pile blankets on top of me. I was trying to do things with him, but I did not have the energy to do anything."
When the couple returned home, Vinson went to several doctors and through a battery of tests. Her diagnosis was surprising. Vinson had cancer.
"My husband started crying when the doctor said 'cancer' and then I started crying and when we got home all the kids started crying," Vinson said. "When they say 'you have cancer' the first thing you think is 'I'm going to die.'"
Vinson's diagnosis came five years ago. Last
See Survivor on A9



Melvin Griggs, left, and State Rep. Larry Womble present Princeville Mayor Delia Perkins with money to help rebuild her flood-ravaged town late last year.

Roundtable reflects on years of success

When the Black Leadership Roundtable speaks, people listen and change occurs. That's the way it has been over the group's three-year history. It's a trend that BLR members say they want to continue as they raise awareness and address concerns in the years to come.
The Roundtable will celebrate its anniversary this weekend with food, music, fellowship and a special appearance by Delia Perkins, the mayor of Princeville. Reflection will also play a major part in the celebration.
The Roundtable raised about \$7,000 for the town after it was ravaged by flood waters. Iman Khalid Griggs, co-convenor of the group, said BLR made Princeville a top concern.
"We wanted to show grassroots support for the efforts in Princeville because of its historical significance to the state and the nation," Griggs said.
Perkins will be the latest high profile guest to be featured at a BLR anniversary. U.S. Rep. Mel Watt was the guest of honor at the first anniversary, and Rachel Gbenyon-Diggs, Liberian ambassador to the U.S., held court at last year's festivities.
Griggs said the group has been able to attract such names because of its growing reputation of success.
"We have been blessed to establish a credible track record," he said.
Over the years, the group has gone to the mat over several controversial issues, most of which have worked out in BLR's favor.
The group's most recent victory came earlier this year when the city manager overturned the demotions of three African American police officers who were disciplined by Chief Linda Davis after a rap concert last August. The officers, who provided security for the concert, were demoted because the event was marred by several fights and an alleged on-stage sex act.
The Roundtable held a press conference soon after the demotions, demanding that City Manager Bill Stuart restore the officers' ranks. The group met with Stuart immediately after the press conference to push the point further.
"It was blatantly clear that we had to do something immediately," said
See BLR on B5



Hunt shares a laugh with Sudie Anderson as she delivers her a hot meal - the 2 millionth delivered by Forsyth County Meals on Wheels Senior Services Inc.

HAWS may look for ways to save pool

The Housing Authority of Winston-Salem may begin to explore ways to save the Happy Hill swimming pool, the city owned facility that has struggled to make a profit over the years.
HAWS Commissioner Ernie Pitt, publisher and co-founder of The Chronicle, asked that the HAWS staff look for ways to help the fledgling pool - which still could face the possibility of closing if it does not attract more business this season - at Tuesday's commissioners' meeting.
Pitt asked HAWS grant writer Evelyn Terry about the possibility of the agency writing a grant to offer scholarships for children in the neighborhood who cannot afford the \$1.50 entrance fee.
Terry, who has been involved in writing a whopping \$50 million in grants for the agency, said she'll do "the best she can" to help the pool.
She added that another possibility would be for her to act as a liaison between local individuals and organizations who want to provide scholarships for the pool. It's a capacity that she has already been serving in. Terry said she has received several calls from people who want to contribute money to help the pool.
J. Reid Lawrence, HAWS executive director, said he had informally discussed ways to help the pool with
See HAWS on A10

101-year-old woman honored

For 42 years, members of the 25th Street Flower and Condolence Club have extended their arms to the grieving families in their neighborhood.
The group started out buying floral arrangements for the families. Today they serve food to the families in their times of need.
At the club's 42nd anniversary celebration Tuesday, the group honored a woman who has been with the group from the start and still contributes to the group.
Her name is Maxwell Grier. She is 101 years old, yet she still thinks of others before she thinks of herself. She designed the anniversary booklets that adorned every table in the Martin Luther King Community Center.
She sat silently and smiled as the program began.
Then Grier was pleasantly surprised when the group's president, Martha Jones, presented her with a plaque, recognizing her contribution to the club.
"I want to make a special presentation to a very special person who has been with us through the year," Jones said.
She added that Grier does something special for every meeting. She held up a booklet and let the group know who to thank for it.
Jones walked over to Grier and handed her the plaque. Grier was overcome with emotions as she received an embrace from Jones.
"I am shedding tears, but these are not tears of sadness," the matriarch said. Her tears, she added, were tears of joy for the number of years she spent with the club.
"Thank you so much," Grier told the group. "This is a surprise."
She then gave the group some insight into one of the organization's founders, Effie Drake.
"I know all about this," Grier said. "I was with Mrs. Effie Drake when she came up with
See 101-year-old on A4



Maxwell Grier applauds as she is surprised with a plaque of appreciation from the 25th Street Flower and Condolence Club. Grier is 101 years old. She was friends with one of the group's founders.

Meals on Wheels reaches milestone

Meals on Wheels is one of about 530 homebound to receive meals daily through the Forsyth County Meals on Wheels program, which celebrated a Friday when it delivered its 2 millionth meal.
Saying it (Meals on Wheels) means everything, the volunteer said in a telephone interview Tuesday.
Meals on Wheels you can make it great. I hope you can. I love them very much. I hope I can do
See Meals on A10